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The people as well as the lawyers should know the law of the State, and the laws enacted by the Legislature should be published in the newspapers.

One man on the jury in the Vail case held out to the last and hung the jury. It stood eleven for acquittal and one for conviction. The jury was discharged and Vail was remanded back to jail.

The North and South will entertain for each other this year kind and more friendly feelings than ever. That is to say, it is prophesied that the watermelon crop will be unusually large.

M. A. Fanning, for many years Governor Francis' private secretary, has embarked in the newspaper business in St. Louis. This is another Francis move on Senator F. M. Cockrell.

The Presbyterian church of New Bedford, Pa., has declared itself in favor of matrimony. It demanded that newly-elected deacons resign because he did not come up to the rule requiring that a deacon shall be "the husband of one wife and have his children in subjection."

There are 5,000 Indians living on reservations in New York State. The Senecas are the largest tribe, having 2,000 members. They have buried the hatchet, smoke the pipe of peace, and instead of having ghost dances they have Christmas trees just like the pale-faces.

Dr. Talmage receives \$15,000 a year from his Brooklyn congregation; \$12,000 a year from a firm for the advance publications of his sermons; \$6,500 a year for his contributions to a religious journal, besides what he earns on the lecture platform and from general literary work. We would like to swap salaries with the big preacher for about six months.

Mrs. Logan, widow of the late General John A. Logan, has been writing letters to friends in Illinois, telling them what she knows about Senatorial contests in that State. It will be remembered that Mrs. Logan's husband was once balloted for several hundred times in the Illinois Legislature. But he was finally successful.

Mrs. Kate Reynolds, of Pittsburgh, Pa., went skating a few days ago with her husband, accompanied also by an old lover. The husband could not keep up with the wife and her old lover, and they skated away from him out of sight and into the dim somewhere. They have not yet returned. It is one of the saddest ice stories on record. Absolutely nothing is known of the pair save the certainty that they skated into a moral aisle.

A Southeast Missouri editor recently paid this city a visit. He illed up on common liquor as soon as he arrived in town. While under the influence of the "stuff" that makes men rich for the time being, he shot craps with some colored gents and the African crap shooters fleeced him of three dollars and fifty cents—all the money he had. The next morning the poor quill driver was around bright and early trying to raise the wind on a Bucklin patent medicine duobill. It is not necessary to say that the fellow is a Democrat.

A bill was before the New Jersey Legislature some time ago which would place restrictions on the present marriage customs of that State. It is needless to say that this measure struck terror to the hearts of Philadelphia young people, who, have in years past made Camden, just across the river in the "Skeeter" State, a modern Gretta Green. Assembliesman Cole, of the latter place, however, made a vigorous onslaught against the measure, and the Legislature suspended it, much to the relief of Philadelphians and Camden's Parsons.

The Census Office has issued a bulletin on the area of States and territories in the United States and Territories. The largest county in the country is Yavapai, in Arizona, which embraces 29,236 square miles, and is larger than Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Jersey combined. The second largest county is San Bernardino, Cal., with 21,000 square miles. The smallest county is Alexandria, in Virginia, 32 square miles. There are 21 counties each of which is larger than Massachusetts, while there are 314 counties larger than Rhode Island.

The settlement of the estate of the Secretary Window shows that he left only a modest fortune. An unfortunate story has been circulated that he left his family unprovided for, but this is not the case. There can be no better evidence of Mr. Window's stern integrity than this fact that after a lifetime spent in politics, and after holding frequent positions where millions passed daily through his hands, he should die a comparatively poor man. The income from Mr. Window's estate is not large enough to pay the rental of the house he occupied on Massachusetts Avenue, and the family will shortly leave it. Some investments in real estate may realize well in several years, but they are unpredictable now. Two life insurances aided his wife \$7,000.

Lee Meriwether, State Labor Commissioner and his wife have agreed to disagree.

The Illinois Legislature is still hammering away at a United States Senator. The big three still hold on for a Farmers' Alliance man.

The Missouri Legislature will not likely adjourn before about the first of April. That will be time enough for the Southeast Missouri members to get in their corn crop.

The New York *Mail and Express* publishes the portraits of all the new Congressmen. Among the list we recognize the face of Hon. Marshall Felix Livingston, president of the State Agricultural Society, Congressman-elect, president of the State Alliance and backer of the *Southern Farmer*, which has been the official State organ.

W. C. Hall has been appointed by Governor Francis and confirmed by the State Senate to succeed Lee Meriwether as State Labor Commissioner. There is politics in this appointment.

The greatest meat-eaters in the world are the people of America, whose average consumption is 175 pounds per annum. The English come next, with an average of a little over 110 pounds. The French eat only as much meat as the English, and the people of Germany, Austria and Italy eat less.

The Rev. J. W. Rush, pastor of the Methodist Protestant church at Laurel, Delaware, has returned from a special Koch treatment in Baltimore. He was given up last summer as a hopeless consumptive. But he preached Sunday with his old-time vigor and says he feels that he is permanently cured.

The attorneys for the Charles E. Vail case argued their motion for the release of Vail on bond before Judge Norrile in the criminal court in St. Louis Tuesday, but the Judge has not yet rendered an opinion. It is the general opinion that Vail will be released and that his bond will not exceed five thousand dollars.

The *Methodist Record* has again made its appearance. It is now printed at Jackson. Like the Methodist circuit rider, the *Record* changes base often. It was published for a while at Charleston, then in its publication office was moved to this city. Now its publication office is at Jackson.

A bill creating the office of Circuit Attorney has been passed by the Senate of this State and is likely to become a law. This will do away with the office of County Attorney, and it will be the duty of the Circuit Attorney to accompany the Circuit Judge over his judicial circuit and to attend to all cases in which the State is interested. That used to be the law in this State and it was much more satisfactory than the present law.

Lee Meriwether, the "bounced" Labor Commissioner, met Governor Francis on the street in Jefferson City Monday morning and had it out for the interference of his husband with the wife and her old lover, and they skated away from him out of sight and into the dim somewhere. They have not yet returned. It is one of the saddest ice stories on record. Absolutely nothing is known of the pair save the certainty that they skated into a moral aisle.

The new attempt of the British Government to define the boundaries of the Portuguese territory in eastern Africa brings to mind the fact that the petty Kingdom of Portugal still holds extensive possessions in various parts of the globe, though it lost its Brazilian dominion nearly seventy years ago. It holds the Azores and Madeira in the Atlantic Ocean; it holds the important region of Benguela in western Africa; and that of Mozambique in eastern Africa; it holds Goa in the East Indies and the large island of Timor in the Timor Sea; besides lesser possessions elsewhere, including Macao in China. They are all governed in a rigorous way from Lisbon, and are sources of revenue for Portugal. At this time the British authorities are bringing a heavy pressure to bear upon the Portuguese Government in order to secure a change in the boundary of the region claimed by it in eastern Africa, and the probability is that Portugal will succumb under the menace recently addressed to it.

No man can measure the strength of the tide that is rising for this man who is not a candidate, but whose knowledge of affairs is as broad as his reputation. Put your ear to the ground and you can hear the tramp, tramp, tramp, of the hosts that are already voluntarily rallying around him. He may not be his party's candidate in '92, but if he is not, it will be because he will not. He certainly stands to-day as champion of every principle held dear by every Republican not only, but every American. In other words, no man is more essentially a lover and promoter of this country's best interests than Mr. Blaine. His long acquaintance with public affairs and public men renders him of all men in this country the best equipped for leadership. He has been tried and never found wanting; he has been vilified and assaulted by those who should have been his best friends, but he has never betrayed his party or in the iron situation, apparently sunk in the harness or out of it, and he has been long enough now before the eyes of the coke strike and the shutdown of the Carnegie and Mahoning Valleys to earn every enemy he ever had. Ley is most felt in the shape of low insurance rates that can be raised stocks. Some of the standard brands of iron are scarce in this market, and

## WOOL VS PLUG HATS.

A very picturesque and entertaining struggle has begun in Georgia for the control of the State Farmers' Alliance and of its new-paper organ. As is generally known, the alliance has been successful in Georgia in capturing the Democratic party machinery in most of the districts. It has elected six out of ten Representatives to the Fifty-second Congress; it has elected the Governor and a majority of the Legislature, and it only failed to elect a United States Senator because of divisions in its own ranks.

The leading men in the Georgia Alliance that has been Col. Leonidas Felix Livingston, president of the State Agricultural Society, Congressman-elect, president of the State Alliance and backer of the *Southern Farmer*, which has been the official State organ.

The *Press*, however, sees no reason to change its opinion that the Southern era of cheap iron-making means a temporary depression in iron products, but a new order of things, calling for a cheapening of methods by labor saving processes, and the more extensive use of iron for a variety of railroad and architectural purposes for which wood is now the chief material.

The government has been absorbing money again very heavily lately, partly for payments of \$212,000,000 pensions due this month. The proceeds of the sale of the *Press* were meant to be secret, of course, but somehow they leaked out, and the last number of the *Press* proceeds to split them upon the reader of its subscribers thus: "We confess that our paper is not the organ of the class of alliance men who meet in the parlors of the Executive Mansion one night last week and proceeded to depose the *Farmer* from its post of official organ and make arrangements to start a new organ. 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